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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF SAG T-33/F-86 SPARES AND EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 177642 AND ISLAMABAD 8087

1. THERE FOLLOWS RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN:

EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC NOTE NR. 1053, AUGUST 21, 1974:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL THE MINISTRY'S ATTENTION TO THE PROJECTED TRANSFER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN OF AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT ENGINES ORIGINALLY SUPPLIED TO THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT BY THE UNITED STATES. THE PROJECTED TRANSFER INVOLVES T-33 AIRCRAFT, SPARES, TOOLS AND AUXILIARY GROUND EQUIPMENT, F-86 SPARES, TOOLS AND AUXILIARY GROUND EQUIPMENT AND J-46 ENGINES FOR THE F-86S. (SECOND PARA SPELLS OUT U.S. LAW)

"SINCE THE PROJECTED SAUDI-PAKISTAN TRANSFER INCLUDES SIGNIFICANT DEFENSE ARTICLES (AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT ENGINES), THE LEGAL PROVISIONS CITED ABOVE REQUIRE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN PROVIDE A COMMITMENT IN WRITING TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER FOREIGN
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GOVERNMENT OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONSENT

OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THIS COMMITMENT SO THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL TO THE ACTUAL TRANSFER OF THESE DEFENSE ARTICLES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN."

2. GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE SSP/2/74, SEPTEMBER 3, 1974:

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 1053 DATED AUGUST 21, 1974, REGARDING THE PROJECTED TRANSFER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN, OF AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT ENGINES ORIGINALLY SUPPLIED TO THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT BY THE UNITED STATES.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF THE LEGAL REQUIRMENTS POINTED OUT BY THE US EMBASSY, HEREBY GIVES A COMMITMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THAT DEFENCE ARTICLES TO BE OBTAINED FROM SAUDI ARABIA UNDER THE THIRD COUNTRY ARRANGEMENT, WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANY OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT."

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